STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER: The Tri County News		2. DATE OF FILING: 10/2/00
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE: Weekly with one exception 3rd week of Nov.	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY: 51	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE: 18.02 in state 20.67 out of state
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers): 303 West Main Street PO Box 6 Irene SD 57037-0006		
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printer): 303 West Main Street PO Box 6 Irene SD 57037-0006		
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: The Tri County News		
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.): FULL NAME: Stanley & Lyn Nielson — COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS: 303 West Main Street PO Box 6 Irene, SD 57037-0006		
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I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER: Stanley Nielson Publisher

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Sworn to before me this 3 day of October, 2000

Notary Public

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